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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION - WILLIE ROGER HOLDER

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1. MINISTRY JUSTICE (FROMONT) INFORMED EMBASSY JANUARY 16 THAT FRENCH ARE CONCERNED BY POLITICAL ASPECTS OF HOLDER CASE AND RELUCTANT TO ORDER PROVISIONAL ARREST UNTIL THEY HAVE CHANCE TO STUDY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. WE POINTED OUT URGENCY OF CASE, NOTING THAT POLICE HAVE AGAIN PICKED UP TRACE OF HOLDER, BUT HE IS LIKELY TO FLEE ONCE MORE. ALSO STRESSED FRENCH RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTION, AND POINTED OUT THAT CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION WILL CONSIDER POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CASE AS WELL AS CRIMINAL CHARGES. AFTER DISCUSSION, FROMONT SAID HE THOUGHT IT "PROBABLE" THAT FRENCH WOULD ORDER ARREST, BUT STRESSED THAT THEY MUST HAVE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN FRENCH EYES APPARENTLY CASE IS AFFECTED WITH POLITICAL ASPECTS BECAUSE RELEASE OF ANGELA DAVIS WAS ONE OF HIJACKERS DEMANDS AND BECAUSE HOLDER REPORTEDLY TOLD FRENCH POLICE HE HAD BEEN ELDRIDGE CLEAVERS SECRETARY. WE SURMISE THAT FACT ALGERIA GRANTED HOLDER POLITICAL ASYLUM MAY ALSO PRESENT PROBLEM FOR FRENCH IN THAT THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH

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MIGHT IRRITATE ALGERIANS.

3. IN VIEW OF NERVOUSNESS SHOWN BY MINISTRY JUSTICE,
REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DO EVERY-
THING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE SENDING THE SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS MENTIONED PARA. 6 REFTEL. IN VIEW OF SPECIAL
URGENCY IN THIS CASE, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT SEND ASAP
CERTIFIED DOCUMENTS IN ENGLISH, AND FORWARD SWORN
TRANSLATIONS LATER. RUSH

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